



Procedure for the 2019 Green leading candidates – *Spitzenkandidaten*

Introduction

In the Member States, the European election campaigns are run at the national level, with their own context and the usual national time frames, just a few months before the May 2019 elections. However, discussions in the EP and in the European political parties about selecting their *Spitzenkandidaten* – i.e. candidate president for the EU Commission – anticipate the timeline of the 2019 election campaign to start at the end of 2018, with debates with the leading candidates possibly beginning as early as December 2018.

The *Spitzenkandidaten* scheme was successful in 2014, so the EGP will build on that experience. We had two candidates then, but this time it is up to the EGP council to decide whether we will have two again or, as the EGP committee proposes, just one.

The EGP Committee proposes that the EGP member parties elect the Green leading candidates for the 2019 EP campaign during the 2018 Autumn Council, 23-25 November 2018, following the procedures, requirements and timeline below.

Contenders and the role of member parties

- The EGP committee will open the call for contenders on 8 June 2018.
- Contenders can present themselves until 14 September and must be officially nominated by the member party of each interested contender.
- The EGP council in Antwerp, decides to nominate two *Spitzenkandidaten*. At least one of the two contenders must be eligible for election to the European Parliament. The contender(s) must present themselves for the European elections on one of the lists (including alliances) of an EU EGP member party.
- Contenders are invited to present their political agenda in a maximum of two pages; they should be prepared to travel throughout the EU; to represent the Greens in leading transnational debates with the other political families; and to campaign transnationally to support EU EGP member parties' campaign activities.
- Member parties must explicitly consent to the participation of the contenders they nominate. The parties can nominate a non-member as a leading candidate.
- In a second phase, in order to emphasise the transnational character of the European elections, all contenders must acquire the explicit support of at least five additional EU EGP member parties by 28 September 2018 to become a contender in the election of the Green leading candidate.
- EU EGP member parties may support two contenders.



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- The parties must confirm their choice/support in writing.
- The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) may nominate a youth contender. However, such a contender will also require the support of at least five EU EGP member parties. The FYEG can also support a contender.
- Candidate EGP member parties cannot nominate a contender but can support one.
- The EGP will be fully transparent during this process and provide information accordingly to the international secretaries of the EGP EU member parties.
- The EGP will create a level playing field through equal promotion, representation and support to all contenders throughout the process.
- The contenders will present themselves at the Autumn Council 2018 in Berlin.

Voting for the Green leading candidate

- Voting for the Green leading candidates will take place during the Autumn Council, following the EGP voting procedures.
- The Green leading candidates will be the heart and face of our campaign tasked with representing our political family throughout the campaign.

Annex: provisional timeline



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Date	Action	Responsible
23/24 February	First draft of the resolution	Committee
12 April	Presentation of the resolution at the Party Leaders' Meeting	Committee
20 April	Draft resolution sent to Council Delegates	Secretariat
18-20 May	Vote on the resolution	Council in Antwerp
8 June	Opening the call/nomination for contenders	Secretariat
July before summer break, August after the summer break	Send the reminders	Secretariat
14 September	Deadline for nomination of the contenders	Secretariat
28 September	Deadline for the support letters and final list of eligible contenders	Secretariat
29 September – 17 November	Contenders campaign – EGP organised activities	Secretariat
23 - 25 November	Voting for the leading candidate	Council/Congress
TBD	Announcement of the leading candidates	Media
Leading candidates tour		